



COVID-19 Technology Response System

Weekly Update

February 5, 2021

Welcome to the Weekly Update for the COVID-19 Technology Response System.

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) offers a comprehensive and interoperable suite of software to empower public health agencies and give them all the tools they need to respond to COVID-19.

Each week we will provide information about new features, resources, upcoming releases, and other important information about the three tools that make up the Technology Response System: Electronic COVID-19 Case Reporting, EpiTrax and MO ACTS.

Check out the intranet sites here:

- [Electronic COVID-19 Case Reporting](#)
- [EpiTrax](#)
- [MO ACTS](#)

Question of the Week:

Can SMS, apps, or other technology or software be used to support remote contact tracing follow-up?

YES!! As COVID 19 focus shifts to vaccination and case counts continue to decrease, the importance of continued contact tracing efforts cannot be overstated.

Because resources to fight the pandemic may be spread thinner as staff are assigned to assist with vaccination efforts, it becomes even more important to find ways to work efficiently. To help decrease the staff time to call and monitor all contacts, SMS symptom monitoring is available through [MO ACTS](#). You can find more information on that feature in the [Simulation](#) and [Practice Guide](#), specifically in scenario 1.

Interested in adopting this technology? Email epitrax@health.mo.gov or [request access here](#) to receive MO ACTS access and instructions for use.

COVID 19 Technology Seminar February Topics:

Join us to learn more about specific topics related to EpiTrax and MOACTS functionality and processes. In February, we will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:00. You can find login information for each of these seminars on the Training Calendar found on the intranet sites.

Upcoming topics:

February 10- Missouri Disease Reporting Online Portal (MODROP) overview
February 24- Positive Patient Self-Monitoring demonstration

The link to previous seminar recordings and Powerpoint presentations can be found on the EpiTrax and MO ACTS websites under "Quick Reference and Information Seminar Guides".

January 7 – COVID 19 death certification – Recording/Slides available
January 14 – Using the Events Tab in EpiTrax – Recording/Slides available

EpiTrax Notifications

EpiTrax is testing a new feature that will send daily notification emails to subscribed users that contain an Excel file containing information about new positive labs in the past 24 hours. If you are interested in previewing this functionality, please email epitrax@health.mo.gov. An announcement with opt-in instructions will be shared once this feature is finalized.

MOACTS Sprint 10 Release

Please review the newest MO ACTS release notes [here](#). Monday's launch will include the addition of Agent Whisper technology to assist contact tracers, the addition of an Ideas tab to submit and vote on new system enhancements, and further infrastructure to support the future release of positive patient monitoring.



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